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For: THERMOSTABLE L-ARABINOSE ISOMERASE AND
PROCESS FOR PREPARING D-TAGATOSE THEREBY

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

DECLARATION

I, Yu Ryang PYUN, one of coinventors of the above-identified application, do hereby declare and state as follows:

1. The strain *E. coli* BL21/DE3(pTNA I) (Accession No. KCCM-10231) has been deposited with the Korean Culture Center of Microorganisms(KCCM), the international depository authority located at 361-221, Yurim B/D, Hongje-1-dong, Seodaemun-gu, Seoul 120-091, Republic of Korea, under the terms of the Budapest Treaty.

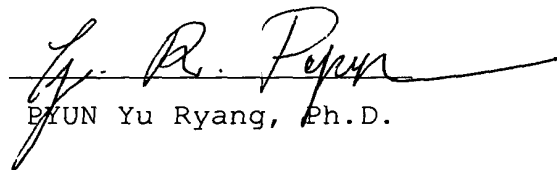
2. In support of the statement, a copy of the deposit receipt for KCCM-10231 is attached herewith.

3. The strain will be irrevocably and without restriction of condition released to the public upon the issuance of U.S. Patent citing the above strain.

4. The strain is available, and will be available during pendency of the application, to one determined by the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to be entitled thereto under 37 C.F.R. § 1.14 and 35 U.S.C. § 122.

5. I declare that all statements made herein are based on personal knowledge or upon information and belief and are believed to be true; and, further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-identified application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: June 5, 2003


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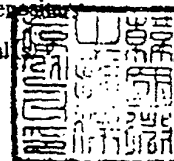
INTERNATIONAL FORM

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RECEIPT IN THE CASE OF AN ORIGINAL
issued pursuant to Rule 7.1 by the
INTERNATIONAL DEPOSITARY AUTHORITY
identified at the bottom of this page

I. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MICROORGANISM	
Identification reference given by the DEPOSITOR : <i>E. coli</i> BL21/DE3 (pTNAD)	Accession number given by the INTERNATIONAL DEPOSITARY AUTHORITY: KCCM-10231
II. SCIENTIFIC DESCRIPTION AND/OR PROPOSED TAXONOMIC DESIGNATION	
The microorganism identified under I above was accompanied by: <input type="checkbox"/> a scientific description <input type="checkbox"/> a proposed taxonomic designation (Mark with a cross where applicable)	
III. RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE	
This International Depositary Authority accepts the microorganism identified under I above, which was received by it on Dec. 4, 2000. (date of the original deposit) ¹	
IV. INTERNATIONAL DEPOSITARY AUTHORITY	
Name : Korean Culture Center of Microorganisms Address : 361-221, Yurim R/D Hongje-1-dong, Seodaemun-gu SEOUL 120-091 Republic of Korea	Signature(s) of person(s) having the power to represent the International Depositary Authority of authorized official Date: Dec. 9, 2000.



¹ Where Rule 6.4(d) applies, such date is the date on which the status of international depositary authority was acquired : where a deposit made outside the Budapest Treaty after the acquisition of the status of international depositary authority is converted into a deposit under the Budapest Treaty, such date is the date on which the microorganism was received by the international depositary authority.